

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill 558, which will clarify the procedures that local governments must follow when transferring a utility to another public agency. I am supportive of the City of Fresno's desire to provide the greatest benefit to its citizens when providing municipal services. By signing this measure, it is not my intent to prevent the vote of the people to approve any currently or future contemplated sale or transfer of public utilities. I am comfortable signing this uncodified bill language because the citizens of the City of Fresno will be voting to approve the transfer of the city-owned water, waste, and solid waste utility and it will help the city avoid costly and duplicative approval processes.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger